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Merit Contractors Welcomes Plan to Improve Procurement

Regina—The Merit Contractors Association of Saskatchewan today welcomed the provincial government’s initiative to improve public procurement practices in Saskatchewan.

The Procurement Action Plan, announced last week by Attorney General Gord Wyant, is intended to ensure there is an open, fair and transparent bidding process for all government tendered work.

“It is in everyone’s interest - government, businesses and taxpayers - that Saskatchewan has a fair and efficient procurement process,” said Karen Low, Merit Saskatchewan Executive Director. “We are pleased the government is taking steps to simplify the bidding process to achieve best value, not just the lowest price.”

The government’s procurement plan was one of the topics on the agenda as Merit Saskatchewan members spent the day meeting MLAs at the Saskatchewan Legislature.

“Today is Merit Saskatchewan’s MLA Day at the Legislature, an opportunity for our members to meet with ministers, MLAs and officials to voice the concerns of Saskatchewan’s open-shop construction sector,” said Low.

“All MLAs were pleased to hear that our members are still busy and the Saskatchewan construction sector remains strong,” said Low.

The Merit Contractors Association represents the open shop construction community, consisting of 80% of the construction companies in Saskatchewan.

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